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SUBJECT: MAY 11 ELIMA; GOOD NEWS-BAD NEWS FOR SOVIETS

1. KINSHASA GOVERNMENT-SUPPORTED DAILY ELIMA OF MAY 11 CARRIES LAUDATORY ARTICLE ON SOVIET ROLE IN WW II, PRAISING "GREAT BRAVERY" OF SOVIETS, CLAIMING THAT "TODAY, ALL OBSERVES RECOGNIZE THAT IT IS THE SOVIET UNION WHICH DESERVES THE LARGEST PART OF CREDIT FOR THE VICTORY."

2. ARTICLE, WRITTEN BY INTERNATIONAL EDITOR BOLOMBO ATENGOLO, MUCH IN EVIDENCE AT SOVIET EMBASSY RECEPTION MAY 9, CONCLUDES WITH STATEMENT THAT "IN THE WEST, THE VICTORY OVER THE NAZIS, HOWEVER SIGNIFICANT, DOES NOT RIVAL IN IMPORTANCE ITS MEANING TO THE SOCIALIST BLOC."

3. ELIMA'S ECLECTIC ATTEMPT AT "EVEN-HANDEDNESS" CHARACTERIZED BY ARTICLE IN SAME ISSUE ON GULAG ARCHIPELAGO QUOTING LE POINT WRITER WHO CALLS IT "BOOK OF THE CENTURY" AND CLAIMING THAT BOOK EVOKES A "JUST APPRECIATION OF THE PAST."

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4. EQUAL TIME GOES TO PRC ON SAME PAGE AS GULAG

ARTICLE; STORY ON THE POCKET EDITION OF MAO'S SAYING
AND PIECE ON "PROFOUND REVOLUTION OF MAO" WRITTEN BY
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